

# EMERGENCY CODES

## Medical Codes

| Code           | Stage 1  | Stage 2  |
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| Blue           | Cardiac arrest requiring Code Team response  | 2nd Code Blue occurring  |
| Blue Pediatric | A single cardiac arrest of a patient within the hospital who is older than 28 days but less than 18 years and requiring a Code Team response | Multiple Code Blue patients occurring within the hospital                  |
| Navy           | Medical emergency requiring Code Team response   | 2nd Code Navy occurring  |
| OB             | Patient delivering imminently outside of Labour and Delivery on hospital property or close to hospital property                              | There are multiple Code OB patients  |
| Pink           | Neonatal emergency requiring Code Team response  | 2nd Code Pink occurring  |
| Transfusion    | A single patient requiring an immediate and Massive Hemorrhage Protocol (MHP)  | There are multiple Code Transfusion patients occurring within the hospital |

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| Amber                                  | Child missing or abducted within the site  | Child missing or abducted in the community   |
| Aqua                                   | Significant flooding, leak or water damage   | Flooding, leak or water damage impacting staff and patient safety and patient care           |
| Beige                                  | ICT system severely impaired; workaround available   | ICT system down impacting staff and patient safety and patient care                          |
| Black – Bomb Threat                    | Non-specific bomb threat received  | Specific bomb threat received  |
| Black – CBRNE                          | Not applicable   | CBRNE or unknown agent intentionally released inside hospital                                |
| Black – Suspicious Package             | Suspicious package assessment suggests concern   | Package looks like a bomb  |
| Black – Suspicious Vehicle             | Suspicious vehicle assessment suggests concern   | Vehicle looks like a bomb  |
| Brown                                  | Hazardous spill requiring decontamination by external resources  | Contaminated or injured person; rescue decontamination required by Fire Department           |
| DECON                                  | Contaminated patient presents; staff can safely decontaminate  | Contaminated patient presents requiring decontamination by Fire Department                   |
| Green                                  | Horizontal or vertical evacuation  | Full building evacuation   |
| Grey – Elevator Failure                | Failure of elevators affecting patient safety  | Entrapment   |
| Grey – External Air Exclusion          | External contaminated air affecting non-clinical areas   | External contaminated air impacting staff and patient safety and patient care                |
| Grey – Internal Noxious Odour/Gas Leak | Internal noxious odour/gas leak affecting non-clinical areas   | Internal noxious odour/gas leak impacting staff and patient safety and patient care          |
| Grey – Medical Gas Failure             | Medical gas failure affecting non-clinical areas   | Medical gas failure affecting vented patients and clinical areas                             |
| Grey – Utility Failure                 | Unplanned utility interruption affecting non-clinical areas  | Unplanned utility interruption affecting entire site(s)                                      |
| Lavender                               | The purpose of Code Lavender is to provide immediate emotional support to staff and physicians when a traumatic event takes place. Code Lavender supports individuals who are experiencing an episode of high or emotional distress. <b>This is a silent code.</b> |  |
| Maroon                                 | Weather severely impacting community   | Weather severely impacting the hospital; Tornado Warning issued or sighted in the area       |
| Orange                                 | Event-caused Mass Casualty Incident; hospital is able to operate within current capabilities   | Event-caused Mass Casualty Incident requiring additional resources beyond the On-Call system |
| Purple                                 | Not applicable   | Hostage taking on-site   |
| Red                                    | Fire alarm sounded; no signs of smoke or fire  | Fire alarm sounded; signs of smoke and fire  |
| Silver                                 | External – Lockout: person with a weapon in the community with possible threat of coming on-site   | Internal – Lockdown: Person with a weapon on-site with the intent to cause harm              |
| White                                  | Staff feel threatened and require Security response  | Violence requiring immediate emergency Police response                                       |
| Yellow                                 | At-risk adult missing within the hospital  | At-risk adult has left the building and is missing within the community                      |